

14 May 1952

The Honorable Fred E. Busbey
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Busbey:

This will acknowledge your letter of 9 May 1952 requesting further information concerning [redacted]. You stated that the requested information touches solely on the qualifications of [redacted] as an applicant for Government employment. I must point out to you that the question of [redacted] qualifications for Government employment has already been decided by a competent authority. It would place this Agency in an impossible operating position if it were to submit the question of the qualifications of applicants for employment here to review by individual Members of Congress. As a matter of policy, I must therefore decline your request.

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Sincerely,

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Walter B. Smith
Director

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1952

General Walter Bedell Smith
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Smith:

In response to several requests for a photostatic copy of the application for Government employment by [redacted] a representative of your office permitted me to see an application of the person in question. This arrangement was most unsatisfactory and I told your representative that I would ask for additional information. He agreed such information would be furnished me.

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I refer now by number to the several parts of "Standard Form 57, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Application for Federal Employment":

1. Here the applicant gives the title of his position, salary, name of supervisors and description of his work.

2. (The information given is that from October 1947 to June 1948 applicant [redacted] Have him state the amount of salary received, name of supervisor, description of his work, and the reason for leaving.

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3. Same as No. 2.

4. (Information given is that the applicant was employed from May 1945 to May 1947 as Special Assistant to the President of [redacted] [redacted] Have him furnish the address of this employer, salary received, description of work, name of his supervisor and reason for leaving.

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5. (Information given is that the applicant was employed from June 1945

[redacted]

[redacted] Have him spell out the particular Government agencies. STAT

Initials have no particular meaning. Give grade classification of position, salary, full name and title of supervisor, what he means by [redacted]

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6. (The information given here is that the applicant was employed from

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[redacted] Have him furnish amount of salary, name of supervisor, description of work and reason for leaving.

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7. (Information given is that the applicant was employed from January 1943 to May 1944 in the [redacted]

Have him furnish grade classification and title of position, salary, description of work and reason for leaving.

18. Indicate completion of elementary school, junior high school or senior high school. Give name and location of college and university he attended with dates attended, years completed, degrees conferred and semester hours credits by subjects. If the applicant claims to have a Doctor of Science degree I want proof of that degree. Have him list his chief undergraduate college subjects and chief graduate college subjects by semester hours.

23. Furnish the dates of issues and names of publications where his published reports can be found so that they are subject to verification.

Inasmuch as the applicant is foreign born, have him furnish the following information:

- a. Date of entry into the United States.
- b. Type of visa on which he entered.
- c. Date and place of filing application for citizenship.
- d. Date and place where he was naturalized.

The information I request touches solely on the qualifications of the applicant for Government employment. The answer to none of these questions could possibly be construed as restricted or confidential information. If you will not object to adding the title and salary of applicant's present position I would appreciate it. If you object, omit it.

The simple solution would be to have the employee fill out, in detail, a form 57 and forward it to me. For some reason unknown to me you seem to object to that procedure. Therefore, I ask for the information so that I may have it typed onto a form 57 without benefit of the applicant's signature.

May I have a prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

Fred E. Busbey
Fred E. Busbey, M.C.